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PREPAREDNESS UPDATE: Chemical Risk Assessment in an Uncertain World

Satellite Conference

Tuesday, March 30, 2004, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Central Time

1:00-2:30 p.m., Eastern Time

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mountain Time

10:00-11:30 a.m., Pacific Time

The practice and application of human health risk assessment to public health concerns is often a complex mixture of science, medicine, policy, and politics. Risk assessment is now a commonly used tool for establishing workplace chemical exposure limits, drinking water standards, air emission standards, limits for pesticides in foods, and other applications. Our society clamors for the benefits of technological advances without realizing its attendant potential costs to human health. Analyzing the risks from chemical exposure increasingly goes hand in hand with assessing the cost and benefit of industrialization and new technology. Unfortunately, our society demands certain answers regarding health risks from chemical exposure in a scientifically and medically uncertain world.

Dr. Gandy will discuss the assessment of risks from chemical exposure, the types of scientific and medical evaluations that must be made in a risk assessment, the uses and limitations of chemical risk assessments, and the communication of risks from chemical exposures. It is intended that participants will gain a broader perspective of what chemical risk assessment is (and is not!) and be better informed to appreciate its benefits and limitations.

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Target Audience:

Public health professionals and their partners with whom they will need to communicate in a public health emergency.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphntn

Cost: No cost. **CEU's:** No CEU's for this satellite conference. **Satellite Coordinates:** C & Ku Band

Conference Materials: Posted on our website approximately one week before the program

Questions: alphntn@adph.state.al.us or 334-206-5618

Upcoming Conference:

Hospitals Response to Emergency Events

Thursday, April 22, 2004

12:00-1:30 p.m., Central Time

Register: www.adph.org/alphntn

**This program will not be delivered as a live WebCast
but will be available as an archived WebCast beginning Wednesday, March 31, 2004.
To view this webcast, visit the website: www.adph.org/alphntn**